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FOR AMBASSADOR HODGSON FROM SHOESMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, OVIP (HIROHITO, EMPEROR)

SUBJ: EMPEROR'S VISIT

REF: TOKYO 3973

1. MR. MORITA CONTINUES TO PURSUE HIS SUGGESTION REPORTED REFTEL AND ON APRIL 9 ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (1) HE HAS TALKED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA WHO IS INTERESTED IN HIS SUGGESTION AND HAS NO OBJECTION IF PROPOSAL COMES FROM U.S. SIDE; (2) USAMI OF IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY (IHA) HAS TOLD MR. IBUKA THAT IHA WISHES TO FOLLOW ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS MADE BY U.S. SIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. (MORITA THEREFORE CONCLUDES IHA HAS NO OBJECTION TO HIS PROPOSAL); (3) FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD PREFER EMPEROR LAND AT MIRMAMAR NAVAL AIR STATION RATHER THAN SAN DIEGO CITY AIRPORT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY OFFICIAL CEREMONIES BY CITY.

2. MORITA EVIDENTLY HOPES THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILL DISCUSS AT LEAST THIS ASPECT OF EMPEROR'S ITINERARY WITH YOU OR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL. I ASSURED HIM I WOULD PASS ON ABOVE INFORMATION TO YOU PROMPTLY.

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